

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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DRAFT COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE AUTONOMOUS COMMON
CUSTOMS TARIFF DUTIES ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The subject of the following draft regulation is the temporary suspension of duties in the Common Customs Tariff for a number of agricultural items, as requested by the Member States.
It is partly a prolongation and partly a new measure.
2. It seems appropriate to the Commission that a duty suspension is justified for the goods listed in the annex to this regulation.
The Commission proposes a total suspension for those products for which Community production does not exist or is minimal. A partial suspension is proposed in cases where the Community production covers only a part of the requirements. The rate of the partially suspended duty depends on the extent of the possible Community supply to the Community users. The Commission is also looking for the right balance between the interests of the suppliers, users and the consumers in the Community.
It also takes into account the need to protect employment.
3. The proposed measures are confined to six months because of the difficulties of estimating the evolution of the basic factors.
4. For a number of items for which the Member States also requested duty suspensions the Commission does not propose a tariff measure because the necessary conditions are not fulfilled. This concerns the following items :

CCT heading No	Description of goods
ex 03.01 B I 1j)	Coalfish (<i>Pollachius virens</i> or <i>Gadus virens</i>), fresh, chilled or frozen, whole headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry
08.05 A II	Almonds other than bitter
ex 20.07 A II a)	Pear juice of a value exceeding 22 UA per 100 kg net weight, for use in the manufacture of perry, meeting the following requirements: 1) having a) a specific gravity of not less than 1.36 at 15° C b) a total acidity expressed as malic acid of not less than 2.5 percent weight/volume c) a pH of not less than 3.9 2) containing not more than: a) 0.2 mg/kg of arsenic b) 3 mg/kg of copper c) 10 mg/kg of iron d) 1 mg/kg of lead e) 100 mg/kg of sulphur dioxide f) 7.5 mg/kg of zinc 3) not containing: a) pectic substances b) in 10 g of juice, micro-organism capable of growth on Scarr's osmophilic medium

Draft
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs
Tariff duties on certain agricultural products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission,

Whereas production of the products referred to in this Regulation is at present
inadequate or non-existent within the Community and producers are thus unable
to meet the needs of user industries;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest in certain cases to suspend the
autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties only partially, chiefly because of
Community production, and in other cases to suspend them
completely;

Whereas, in view of the difficulties involved in accurately assessing
how the economic situation will develop in the sectors concerned in the near
future, these suspension measures should be taken only temporarily, by fixing
their term of validity to coincide with the interests of Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 30 June 1979,
the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for the products listed
in the annexe to this Regulation shall be suspended at the level
indicated in respect of each of them.

.../...

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

CCT heading No	Description of goods	Rate of autonomous duty (%)
03.01 A I b)	Salmon, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen	0
ex 03.01 B II a) and B II b) 7	Filets of herring, fresh, chilled or frozen, intended for the processing industry (a)	0
ex 03.02 A I a)	Herring, dried, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces, intended for the processing industry (a)	0
ex 03.02 A I f)	Sprats, salted or in brine, whole, headless or in pieces	0
ex 03.02 A II d)	Filletts of herring, dried, salted or in brine, intended for the processing industry (a)	0
ex 07.01 G III	Horse-radish (<i>Cochlearia amoracia</i>), fresh or chilled	7
ex 16.04 B	Salmon, intended for the processing industry for further manufacture into pastes or spreads (a)	0
ex 16.04 C II	Spiced and salted herrings, in packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a)	0
ex 16.04 C II	"Herring-flaps", prepared or preserved in vinegar, in packings of a net capacity of 10 kg or more, intended for the processing industry (a)	0
ex 16.05 B	Shrimps and prawns other than those of the "Crangon" variety, boiled in water and shelled, whether or not frozen or dried, intended for the industrial manufacture of products falling within heading No 16.05 (a)	10.

(a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be effected pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

FINANCIAL SHEET

Annex to doc. UD/973/78

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1. Budget line concerned : Chap. 12, art. 120

2. Title of activity :

Draft Council Regulation (EEC) temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products.

3. Legal basis : Art. 28 Treaty of Rome

4. Objectives of the activity :

Suspension of CCT duties for goods mentioned under 2. for the period 1.1 until 30.6.1979.

5.0 Costs of the activity
to the account of the EC budget
by non collection of duties

1.1 until 30.6.1979

Impossible to evaluate seriously because Community statistics do not exist.

The information given by the requesting Member States shows a minimum loss of 2 100 000 EUA.